

ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

RELATIVE TO

*The acquisition and control of foreign territory by the United States.*

MAY 3, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS relative to the acquisition and control of foreign territory by the United States.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the power of Congress to prohibit the formation of slave States out of the territory belonging to the federal government, and entitled to admission into the Union, there cannot be any rational ground for such difference of opinion as to territory that may be hereafter obtained by conquest or by purchase; that foreign territory purchased by the national treasure, or conquered by the national army, is, and in the nature of the case must be, subject to national control, to be occupied only upon such conditions and governed by such institutions as the national will may dictate.

*Resolved,* That the present war with Mexico was neither sought nor advised by the State of Ohio; and while its ends and results are and have been beyond her control or foresight, her citizens have been with the national flag, and have attested their devotion to it on many fields and through divers perils: that the State of Ohio neither seeks nor advises the acquisition of further territory by conquest or by purchase, nor is the power of shaping the national policy in her hands, but she hereby protests by every drop of blood that has been spilt by her citizens, by every flag that has been unrolled from her borders, by the spirit of her sisterhood with the American States, that any territory acquired either by purchase or by conquest, as the result of this war, shall be national territory; and the State of Ohio must be heard, and will have a share in determining the character of the institutions by which such territory shall be governed.

*Resolved*, That the governor be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to our Representatives and Senators in Congress, and to the governors of the several States of the Union.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

CHARLES B. GODDARD,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

FEBRUARY 24, 1848.